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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mathias GEHRMANN et al.

Serial No.: 08/989,896 Group Art Unit: 1644

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For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR PRODRUG ACTIVATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figures 2-11 in the above-captioned application be amended to correspond to new Figures 9-12, 14, 15, and 17-20, respectively. The proposed changes are indicated in red on the attached copy of the originally filed drawing.

In addition, it is respectfully requested that new Figures 2-8, 13, and 16 be added, which correspond to deleted Tables 2, 3, and 7-11 on pages 29 and 33-36 of the specification, and deleted drawings on pages 10 and 12-15 of the specification. No new matter is being added.

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Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a Notice of Allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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